

Remarks /Arguments

Claims 269 – 294 are pending in the current application. All claims stand rejected, except that claims 272 – 274 and 292 – 294 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants thank the Examiner for the provisional allowance, and have rewritten the claims in allowable form. Specifically, claims 272 – 274 have be rewritten in independent form. Claims 292 – 294 are identical, except they depend from an independent claim adding the limitation “said internal electronics unit is suitable to be implanted in the vicinity of the eye”. Hence, 292 – 294 have been rewritten to depend from 272 – 272, respectively, adding the vicinity of the eye limitation. The Examiner is welcome to reorder the claims to make dependent claims follow the claims from which they depend, if the Examiner would find that more clear. Claims 1 – 271, 275 – 291, and 295 – 314 have been cancelled without prejudice to be prosecuted in divisional applications.

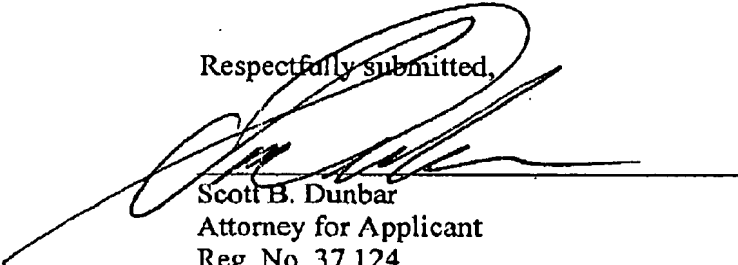
Applicant has amended the specification to address the Examiner's concerns by adding reference numerals as requested. A few phrases have been added to provide the requested clarity. The changes do not constitute new matter as they are supported by the drawings. The Examiner states that reference numeral 20 from figure 1b does not appear in the specification. Applicant does not see a reference numeral 20 in figure 1b. There is a reference numeral 120 in figure 1b, which is describe in the specification in paragraph 105, as the retina.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe they have addressed all of the Examiner's concerns and placed the application in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, and the Examiner believes that a teleconference may be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 883-5055 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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